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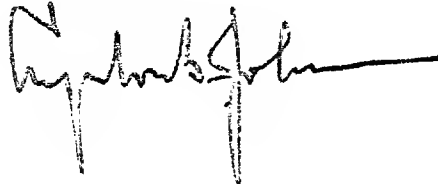
December 23, 1965

Dear Red:

The real strength of America is in the men who serve her. After a lifetime of successful service you deserved your respite from duties. But when your President said that you were needed once more, you never hesitated. Once more, you are the commander of an important national enterprise, and the people of our land are the beneficiaries of your sacrifice.

At Christmas, the Johnson family simply wanted you to know of their gratitude for a Raborn tradition of service. May God bless you always.

Sincerely,



Vice Admiral William F. Raborn USN (Ret)
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